



THE DIVISION OF FLEET OPERATIONS State of the Fleet

Special points of interest:

- Programmers Move Back Upstairs.
- Motor Pool Gala Starts New Position as Support Service Coordinator at the DFO Public Safety Office.
- David Rees Named New Motor Pool Coordinator.
- CNG Training Classes Scheduled For More Info Call 801-538-3306.

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Surplus Success... Public Safety Acquires Peacekeeper



The Special Services Squad from the Department of Public Safety stand in front of the recently refurbished armored personal carrier called a 'peacekeeper'. Local businesses donated parts and labor to get the vehicle on the road.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) has acquired an armored personnel carrier, called an Armadillo, through the Utah State Agency for Surplus Property/Federal Property Program. Armadillo vehicles had been used to escort Peacekeeper Missiles prior to being offered through the Surplus Program, thus earning the nickname "Peacekeeper". DPS is one of three programs from the State of Utah to receive a Peacekeeper, which is something that Deputy Commissioner, Earl Morris, had thought was out of the departments reach.

"We paid \$2,000 for the vehicle itself, but had to pay \$10,000 to have it transported; so the total cost was approximately \$12,000. If you were to go out and buy one

[new], the [cost would be] well over \$100,000. There was no way that we would have that in our budget, so the only way that we could get one into our fleet was through the Surplus Property Program," Morris said.

Once DPS had completed the surplus registration process, it took Property Utilization Officer Dan Martinez about six months to locate and make arrangements for delivery of the vehicle. Martinez was able to locate the vehicle through the overseas program. The program is managed at the national level and has full-time utilization officers searching for property in military installations located throughout the world. This process is referred to as "property screening". When

a new list of screened property is completed, it is e-mailed to each State Surplus Property Program. In the event that a state agency or qualifying non-profit organization has requested an item on the list,

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Statistical Information Fiscal Year 2001

Total Value of Federal
Property Supplied:
\$28,200.00

Total Number of State
Property Invoices
Processed: 3543

Total Pieces of State
Equipment Sold: 1251

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utilization officers at the state level will begin the acquisition process.

In-kind donations from anonymous local businesses, refurbished the peacekeeper once it had arrived in Salt Lake City. Improvements to the vehicle included a new Chevy big block engine, bullet resistant tires, a lift kit, ladders, paint, lights and mirrors. In addition, several items were added to make the vehicle useable by the urban special services program or SWAT team;

such as a hydraulic ram, remote control spotlights, full strobe bar light across the top, extended bumpers and side rails.

"That peacekeeper was made specifically for a SWAT team. Again, there was absolutely no way in the world that we could have gone down and bought one of those machines brand new, it just wasn't in our budget. Also, even if we had bought one, with the military specifications, it would not fit the needs of a SWAT team," Morris said. "With just a little innovation and some help from the com-

munity, we paid \$12,000 and now we have a \$150,000 piece of equipment."

DPS plans to use the vehicle in riot and hostage situations as well as for officer and/or civilian rescue missions.

Lt. Todd Peterson from Special Forces said, "We are excited to have it. We hope to be able to utilize it, but then again sometimes we hope that isn't the case. Because if this thing comes out, it means things are pretty bad."

Surplus Property's Sam Wood Retires

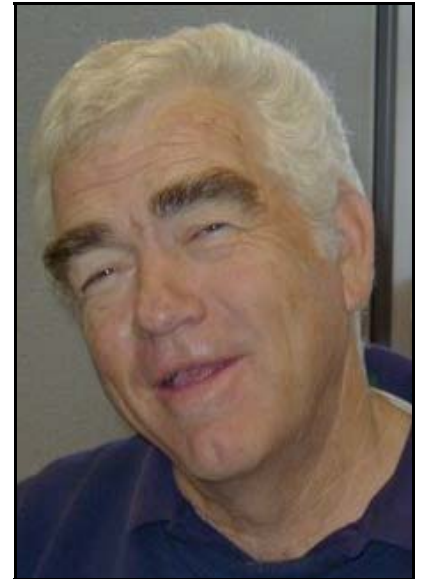
Surplus Property Utilization Office Sam Wood is retiring after 12 years of employment with the state. He was hired in 1987 as a property utilization officer for the federal program after Safeway Stores discontinued operations in Utah. Within a year he moved to the state surplus program and has remained ever since.

Wood feels that he has been lucky to work for State Surplus and has had many wonderful experiences during his time with the state.

"I've been able to meet a lot of people and I have seen a lot of the state while picking up surplus items from all of the state agencies," he said while adding that he will miss working with the great people behind the Surplus Property Program.

Wood claims that he has to retire because his hair had turned white and that is a sign that he has gotten old to work. However, one source tells me that he is being forced into retirement by his ever growing list of "honey do" projects at home; while some believe that Sam Wood decided to join the PGA tour.

Whatever the truth may be, DFO wishes him fun and good health in his many new adventures.



As Sam Wood prepares to retire his co-workers wonder what they will do without him.